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Negotiations between the State Government and the Travancore-Cochin Government.

* 2144 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state with reference to the answer to question No. 70 given on 6th December 1954 whether the Government have entered into an agreement with the Government of Travancore-Cochin State for bulk purchase of electricity?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The draft agreement for supply of bulk power from the Travancore-Cochin State to the Shoranur area was forwarded to the Travancore-Cochin Government for their concurrence in December 1954 and their final reply in the matter is awaited."

* 2145 *Q.*—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state with reference to question No. 70 answered on 6th December 1954—

(*a*) whether any agreement has since been reached between the Travancore-Cochin Government and this Government regarding the supply of electricity to Malabar from Pallivasal;

(*b*) if so, what the terms of the agreement are; and

(*c*) the date from which the agreement has been given effect to?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) The draft agreement for bulk supply of power from the Travancore-Cochin State to the Shoranur area of Malabar district is under finalization.

" (*b*) & (*c*) Do not arise in view of the answer to clause (*a*)."

* 2146 *Q.*—SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state the present stage of the negotiations between the Travancore-Cochin Government and the Government of Madras for supply of electricity to Malabar from Pallivasal?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The draft agreement for bulk supply of electricity from the Travancore-Cochin State to the Shoranur area of Malabar district is under finalization."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, the extension of electricity from Parle to Shoranur was included in the Budget proposals of 1954–55 and it was not taken up because of this agreement. Now, the Hon. Minister says, it is pending final approval. Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to assure us that the preliminary work connected with the extension will be taken up? "